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RE: 18twenty8 Green Girls Project excursion to Delta Environmental Centre

To whom it may concern,

Delta Environmental Centre (DEC) is a private, independent Section 21 Company (non-profit organisation) that aims, through innovative education and training programmes and consultation, to enable people to improve the quality of their environment by promoting the management and sustainable use of all resources in line with the South African Constitution. We strive:

- To create an awareness about environmental issues by imparting/sharing appropriate knowledge
- To introduce new, and enhance existing participants' skills
- To develop responsible values and attitudes to the environment and,
- To encourage participation in environmental "action" projects.

Refiloe Seseane, of 18twenty8, approached DEC about offering an environmental education programme to the learners involved in the 18twenty8 Green Girls environmental project at Masithwalisane Secondary School.

On Friday 4th May 2012, 60 learners from Masithwalisane Secondary School, Vosloorus, attended an environmental education programme facilitated at DEC. The focus of the programme was waste management /minimisation linking with 18twenty8's work with the school in implementing litter clean-up and development of a recreation area that would be clean and user-friendly for the learners of the school. This group of Grade 10, 11 and 12 learners participated in the following hands-on, practical activities which explored the various aspects of waste management and minimisation:

- "Trash for Treasure" Board Game – working in smaller groups, the learners played the board game which builds knowledge about waste management/minimisation, develops skills in decision making based on value judgments based on the understanding that a clean and healthy environment is the responsibility of every citizen and encourages

effective communication and team-work within the groups linked to meaningful and sustainable action-taking within the local community.

- Waste Scavenger Hunt – learners explored the various exhibits and other waste management tools used at the Centre. The outcome of this activity was to assist the learners in exploring practical ways of carrying out waste management in their own local context (either at their school or in their local community)
- Environmental Careers – descriptions of different careers were handed out to the learners. They read and discussed the careers among themselves. The activity exposed the learners to the different sectors in the environmental field.

A Miss Earth South Africa 2012 regional finalist, Refentse Makgolane, was on hand to talk to the girls. Refentse offered a good example of opportunities that were available to young people, in this case, through a programme (Miss Earth South Africa) that aims to empower young South African women with the knowledge and platform to create a sustainable difference in our plight to combat the destruction of our natural heritage.

It is encouraging to see projects like the 18twenty8 Green Girls being made available to young people and DEC enjoyed working with the group from Masithwalisane Secondary School.

Yours sincerely



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